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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1308**

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 30.270, 67.2000, and 249.1150, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to pledged securities for safekeeping.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 30.270, 67.2000, and 249.1150, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 30.270, 67.2000, and 249.1150, to read as follows:

- 30.270. 1. For the security of the moneys deposited by the state treasurer pursuant to the
- provisions of this chapter, the state treasurer shall, from time to time, submit a list of acceptable
  securities to be approved by the governor and state auditor if satisfactory to them, and the state
- 4 treasurer shall require of the selected and approved banks or financial institutions as security for
- 5 the safekeeping and payment of deposits, securities from the list provided for in this section,
- 6 which list shall include only securities of the following kind and character, unless it is
- 7 determined by the state treasurer that the use of such securities as collateral may place state
- 8 public funds at undue risk:

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- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States;
- 10 (2) Bonds or other obligations of the state of Missouri including revenue bonds issued 11 by state agencies or by state authorities created by legislative enactment;
- 12 (3) Bonds or other obligations of any city in this state having a population of not less than two thousand;
  - (4) Bonds or other obligations of any county in this state;

15 (5) Approved registered bonds or other obligations of any school district, including certificates of participation and leasehold revenue bonds, situated in this state;

- 17 (6) Approved registered bonds or other obligations of any special road district in this state;
  - (7) State bonds or other obligations of any state;
  - (8) Notes, bonds, debentures or other similar obligations issued by the farm credit banks or agricultural credit banks or any other obligations issued pursuant to the provisions of an act of the Congress of the United States known as the Farm Credit Act of 1971, and acts amendatory thereto;
    - (9) [Bonds of the federal home loan banks;
  - (10)] Any bonds or other obligations guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by the government of the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof;
- [(11)] (10) Bonds of any political subdivision established pursuant to the provisions of section 30, article VI of the Constitution of Missouri;
- [(12)] (11) Tax anticipation notes issued by any county of the first classification;
  - [(13)] (12) A surety bond issued by an insurance company licensed pursuant to the laws of the state of Missouri whose claims-paying ability is rated in the highest category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating agency. The face amount of such surety bond shall be at least equal to the portion of the deposit to be secured by the surety bond;
  - [(14) An irrevocable standby letter of credit issued by a Federal Home Loan Bank possessing the highest rating issued by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating agency;
  - (15)] (13) Out-of-state municipal bonds, including certificates of participation and leasehold revenue bonds, provided such bonds are rated in the highest category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating agency;
  - [(16)] (14) (a) Mortgage securities that are individual loans that include negotiable promissory notes and the first lien deeds of trust securing payment of such notes on one to four family real estate, on commercial real estate, or on farm real estate located in Missouri or states adjacent to Missouri, provided such loans:
  - a. Are underwritten to conform to standards established by the state treasurer, which are substantially similar to standards established by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, Iowa, and any of its successors in interest that provide funding for financial institutions in Missouri;
- b. Are offered by a financial institution in which a senior executive officer certifies under penalty of perjury that such loans are compliant with the requirements of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, Iowa, when such loans are pledged by such bank;
  - c. Are offered by a financial institution that is well capitalized; and

d. Are not construction loans, are not more than ninety days delinquent, have not been classified as substandard, doubtful, or subject to loss, are one hundred percent owned by the financial institution, are otherwise unencumbered and are not being temporarily warehoused in the financial institution for sale to a third party. Any disqualified mortgage securities shall be removed as collateral within ninety days of disqualification or the state treasurer may disqualify such collateral as collateral for state funds;

- (b) The state treasurer may promulgate regulations and provide such other forms or agreements to ensure the state maintains a first priority position on the deeds of trust and otherwise protect and preserve state funds. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2005, shall be invalid and void;
- (c) A status report on all such mortgage securities shall be provided to the state treasurer on a calendar monthly basis in the manner and format prescribed by the state treasurer by the financial institutions pledging such mortgage securities and also shall certify their compliance with subsection 2 for such mortgage securities;
- (d) In the alternative to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, a financial institution may provide a blanket lien on all loans secured by one to four family real estate, all loans secured by commercial real estate, all loans secured by farm real estate, or any combination of these categories, provided the financial institution secures such blanket liens with real estate located in Missouri and states adjacent to Missouri and otherwise complies with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subdivision;
- (e) The provisions of paragraphs (a) to (d) of this subdivision are not authorized for any Missouri political subdivision, notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 110 to the contrary;
- (f) As used in this subdivision, the term "unencumbered" shall mean mortgage securities pledged for state funds as provided in subsection 1 of this section, and not subject to any other express claims by any third parties, including but not limited to a blanket lien on the bank assets by the Federal Home Loan Bank, a depositary arrangement when securities are loaned and repurchased daily or otherwise, or the depositary has pledged its stock and assets for a loan to purchase another depositary or otherwise; and
- (g) As used in this subdivision, the term "well capitalized" shall mean a banking institution that according to its most recent report of condition and income or thrift financial

report, publicly available as applicable, qualifies as well capitalized under the uniform capital requirements established by the federal banking regulators or as determined by state banking regulators under substantially similar requirements;

- [(17)] (15) Any investment that the state treasurer may invest in as provided in article IV, section 15 of the Missouri Constitution, and subject to the state treasurer's written investment policy in section 30.260, that is not otherwise provided for in this section, provided the banking institution or eligible lending institution as defined in subdivision (10) of section 30.750 is well capitalized, as defined in subdivision (16) of this subsection. The provisions of this subdivision are not authorized for political subdivisions, notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 110 to the contrary.
- 2. Securities deposited shall be in an amount valued at market equal at least to one hundred percent of the aggregate amount on time deposit as well as on demand deposit with the particular financial institution less the amount, if any, which is insured either by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by the National Credit Unions Share Insurance Fund. Furthermore, for a well-capitalized banking institution, securities authorized in this section that are:
- (1) Mortgage securities on loans secured on one to four family real estate appraised to reflect the market value at the time of the loan and deposited as collateral shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five percent of the aggregate amount of time deposits and demand deposits;
- (2) Mortgage securities on loans secured on commercial real estate or on farm real estate appraised to reflect the market value at the time of the loan and deposited as collateral shall not exceed the collateral requirements of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, Iowa;
- (3) United States Treasury securities and United States Federal Agency debentures issued by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the Federal Home Loan Bank, or the Federal Farm Credit Bank valued at market and deposited as collateral shall not exceed one hundred five percent of the aggregate amount of time deposits and demand deposits. All other securities, except as noted elsewhere in this section valued at market and deposited as collateral shall not exceed one hundred fifteen percent of the aggregated amount of the time deposits and demand deposits; and
- (4) Securities that are surety bonds and letters of credit authorized as collateral need only collateralize one hundred percent of the aggregate amount of time deposits and demand deposits.
- 3. The securities or book entry receipts shall be delivered to the state treasurer and receipted for by the state treasurer and retained by the treasurer or by financial institutions that the governor, state auditor and treasurer agree upon. The state treasurer shall from time to time inspect the securities and book entry receipts and see that they are actually held by the state treasury or by the financial institutions selected as the state depositaries. The governor and the state auditor may inspect or request an accounting of the securities or book entry receipts, and

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if in any case, or at any time, the securities are not satisfactory security for deposits made as provided by law, they may require additional security to be given that is satisfactory to them.

- 4. Any securities deposited pursuant to this section may from time to time be withdrawn and other securities described in the list provided for in subsection 1 of this section may be substituted in lieu of the withdrawn securities with the consent of the treasurer; but a sufficient amount of securities to secure the deposits shall always be held by the treasury or in the selected depositaries.
- 5. If a financial institution of deposit fails to pay a deposit, or any part thereof, pursuant to the terms of its contract with the state treasurer, the state treasurer shall forthwith convert the securities into money and disburse the same according to law.
- 6. Any financial institution making deposits of bonds with the state treasurer pursuant to the provisions of this chapter may cause the bonds to be endorsed or stamped as it deems proper, so as to show that they are deposited as collateral and are not transferable except upon the conditions of this chapter or upon the release by the state treasurer.
- 67.2000. 1. This section shall be known as the "Exhibition Center and Recreational Facility District Act".
- 2. An exhibition center and recreational facility district may be created under this section 4 in the following counties:
  - (1) Any county of the first classification with more than seventy-one thousand three hundred but less than seventy-one thousand four hundred inhabitants;
  - (2) Any county of the first classification with more than one hundred ninety-eight thousand but less than one hundred ninety-nine thousand two hundred inhabitants;
- 9 (3) Any county of the first classification with more than eighty-five thousand nine 10 hundred but less than eighty-six thousand inhabitants;
  - (4) Any county of the second classification with more than fifty-two thousand six hundred but less than fifty-two thousand seven hundred inhabitants;
  - (5) Any county of the first classification with more than one hundred four thousand six hundred but less than one hundred four thousand seven hundred inhabitants;
- 15 (6) Any county of the third classification without a township form of government and 16 with more than seventeen thousand nine hundred but less than eighteen thousand inhabitants;
  - (7) Any county of the first classification with more than thirty-seven thousand but less than thirty-seven thousand one hundred inhabitants;
- 19 (8) Any county of the third classification without a township form of government and 20 with more than twenty-three thousand five hundred but less than twenty-three thousand six 21 hundred inhabitants;

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22 (9) Any county of the third classification without a township form of government and 23 with more than nineteen thousand three hundred but less than nineteen thousand four hundred 24 inhabitants;

- (10) Any county of the first classification with more than two hundred forty thousand three hundred but less than two hundred forty thousand four hundred inhabitants;
- (11) Any county of the third classification with a township form of government and with more than eight thousand nine hundred but fewer than nine thousand inhabitants;
- (12) Any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than eighteen thousand nine hundred but fewer than nineteen thousand inhabitants;
- (13) Any county of the third classification with a township form of government and with more than eight thousand but fewer than eight thousand one hundred inhabitants;
- (14) Any county of the third classification with a township form of government and with more than eleven thousand five hundred but fewer than eleven thousand six hundred inhabitants.
- 3. Whenever not less than fifty owners of real property located within any county listed in subsection 2 of this section desire to create an exhibition center and recreational facility district, the property owners shall file a petition with the governing body of each county located within the boundaries of the proposed district requesting the creation of the district. The district boundaries may include all or part of the counties described in this section. The petition shall contain the following information:
- (1) The name and residence of each petitioner and the location of the real property owned by the petitioner;
- (2) A specific description of the proposed district boundaries, including a map illustrating the boundaries; and
  - (3) The name of the proposed district.
- 4. Upon the filing of a petition pursuant to this section, the governing body of any county described in this section may, by resolution, approve the creation of a district. Any resolution to establish such a district shall be adopted by the governing body of each county located within the proposed district, and shall contain the following information:
  - (1) A description of the boundaries of the proposed district;
- (2) The time and place of a hearing to be held to consider establishment of the proposed district;
  - (3) The proposed sales tax rate to be voted on within the proposed district; and
  - (4) The proposed uses for the revenue generated by the new sales tax.
- 5. Whenever a hearing is held as provided by this section, the governing body of each county located within the proposed district shall:

 (1) Publish notice of the hearing on two separate occasions in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each county located within the proposed district, with the first publication to occur not more than thirty days before the hearing, and the second publication to occur not more than fifteen days or less than ten days before the hearing;

- (2) Hear all protests and receive evidence for or against the establishment of the proposed district; and
  - (3) Rule upon all protests, which determinations shall be final.
- 6. Following the hearing, if the governing body of each county located within the proposed district decides to establish the proposed district, it shall adopt an order to that effect; if the governing body of any county located within the proposed district decides to not establish the proposed district, the boundaries of the proposed district shall not include that county. The order shall contain the following:
  - (1) The description of the boundaries of the district;
- (2) A statement that an exhibition center and recreational facility district has been established;
  - (3) The name of the district;
- 73 (4) The uses for any revenue generated by a sales tax imposed pursuant to this section; 74 and
  - (5) A declaration that the district is a political subdivision of the state.
  - 7. A district established pursuant to this section may, at a general, primary, or special election, submit to the qualified voters within the district boundaries a sales tax of one-fourth of one percent, for a period not to exceed twenty-five years, on all retail sales within the district, which are subject to taxation pursuant to sections 144.010 to 144.525, to fund the acquisition, construction, maintenance, operation, improvement, and promotion of an exhibition center and recreational facilities. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following form:

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO". If a majority of the votes cast in the portion of any county that is part of the proposed district favor the proposal, then the sales tax shall become effective in that portion of the county that is part of the proposed district on the first day of the first calendar quarter immediately following the election. If a majority of the votes

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cast in the portion of a county that is a part of the proposed district oppose the proposal, then that portion of such county shall not impose the sales tax authorized in this section until after the county governing body has submitted another such sales tax proposal and the proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon. However, if a sales tax proposal is not approved, the governing body of the county shall not resubmit a proposal to the voters pursuant to this section sooner than twelve months from the date of the last proposal submitted pursuant to this section. If the qualified voters in two or more counties that have contiguous districts approve the sales tax proposal, the districts shall combine to become one district.

- 8. There is hereby created a board of trustees to administer any district created and the expenditure of revenue generated pursuant to this section consisting of four individuals to represent each county approving the district, as provided in this subsection. The governing body of each county located within the district, upon approval of that county's sales tax proposal, shall appoint four members to the board of trustees; at least one shall be an owner of a nonlodging business located within the taxing district, or their designee, at least one shall be an owner of a lodging facility located within the district, or their designee, and all members shall reside in the district except that one nonlodging business owner, or their designee, and one lodging facility owner, or their designee, may reside outside the district. Each trustee shall be at least twenty-five years of age and a resident of this state. Of the initial trustees appointed from each county, two shall hold office for two years, and two shall hold office for four years. Trustees appointed after expiration of the initial terms shall be appointed to a four-year term by the governing body of the county the trustee represents, with the initially appointed trustee to remain in office until a successor is appointed, and shall take office upon being appointed. Each trustee may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner in which the trustee vacating the office was originally appointed. The trustees shall not receive compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses. The board shall elect a chair and other officers necessary for its membership. Trustees may be removed if:
- (1) By a two-thirds vote, the board moves for the member's removal and submits such motion to the governing body of the county from which the trustee was appointed; and
- (2) The governing body of the county from which the trustee was appointed, by a majority vote, adopts the motion for removal.
  - 9. The board of trustees shall have the following powers, authority, and privileges:
  - (1) To have and use a corporate seal;
  - (2) To sue and be sued, and be a party to suits, actions, and proceedings;
- (3) To enter into contracts, franchises, and agreements with any person or entity, public or private, affecting the affairs of the district, including contracts with any municipality, district, or state, or the United States, and any of their agencies, political subdivisions, or

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instrumentalities, for the funding, including without limitation interest rate exchange or swap agreements, planning, development, construction, acquisition, maintenance, or operation of a single exhibition center and recreational facilities or to assist in such activity. "Recreational facilities" means locations explicitly designated for public use where the primary use of the facility involves participation in hobbies or athletic activities;

- (4) To borrow money and incur indebtedness and evidence the same by certificates, notes, or debentures, to issue bonds and use any one or more lawful funding methods the district may obtain for its purposes at such rates of interest as the district may determine. Any bonds, notes, and other obligations issued or delivered by the district may be secured by mortgage, pledge, or deed of trust of any or all of the property and income of the district. Every issue of such bonds, notes, or other obligations shall be payable out of property and revenues of the district and may be further secured by other property of the district, which may be pledged, assigned, mortgaged, or a security interest granted for such payment, without preference or priority of the first bonds issued, subject to any agreement with the holders of any other bonds pledging any specified property or revenues. Such bonds, notes, or other obligations shall be authorized by resolution of the district board, and shall bear such date or dates, and shall mature at such time or times, but not in excess of thirty years, as the resolution shall specify. Such bonds, notes, or other obligations shall be in such denomination, bear interest at such rate or rates, be in such form, either coupon or registered, be issued as current interest bonds, compound interest bonds, variable rate bonds, convertible bonds, or zero coupon bonds, be issued in such manner, be payable in such place or places, and be subject to redemption as such resolution may provide, notwithstanding section 108.170. The bonds, notes, or other obligations may be sold at either public or private sale, at such interest rates, and at such price or prices as the district shall determine;
- (5) To acquire, transfer, donate, lease, exchange, mortgage, and encumber real and personal property in furtherance of district purposes;
- (6) To refund any bonds, notes, or other obligations of the district without an election. The terms and conditions of refunding obligations shall be substantially the same as those of the original issue, and the board shall provide for the payment of interest at not to exceed the legal rate, and the principal of such refunding obligations in the same manner as is provided for the payment of interest and principal of obligations refunded;
- (7) To have the management, control, and supervision of all the business and affairs of the district, and the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of district improvements therein; to collect rentals, fees, and other charges in connection with its services or for the use of any of its facilities;
  - (8) To hire and retain agents, employees, engineers, and attorneys;

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- 165 (9) To receive and accept by bequest, gift, or donation any kind of property;
- 166 (10) To adopt and amend bylaws and any other rules and regulations not in conflict with 167 the constitution and laws of this state, necessary for the carrying on of the business, objects, and 168 affairs of the board and of the district; and
  - (11) To have and exercise all rights and powers necessary or incidental to or implied from the specific powers granted by this section.
  - 10. There is hereby created the "Exhibition Center and Recreational Facility District Sales Tax Trust Fund", which shall consist of all sales tax revenue collected pursuant to this section. The director of revenue shall be custodian of the trust fund, and moneys in the trust fund shall be used solely for the purposes authorized in this section. Moneys in the trust fund shall be considered nonstate funds pursuant to section 15, article IV, Constitution of Missouri. The director of revenue shall invest moneys in the trust fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the trust fund. All sales taxes collected by the director of revenue pursuant to this section on behalf of the district, less one percent for the cost of collection which shall be deposited in the state's general revenue fund after payment of premiums for surety bonds as provided in section 32.087, shall be deposited in the trust fund. The director of revenue shall keep accurate records of the amount of moneys in the trust fund which was collected in the district imposing a sales tax pursuant to this section, and the records shall be open to the inspection of the officers of each district and the general public. Not later than the tenth day of each month, the director of revenue shall distribute all moneys deposited in the trust fund during the preceding month to the district. The director of revenue may authorize refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to the district for erroneous payments and overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of the district.
  - 11. The sales tax authorized by this section is in addition to all other sales taxes allowed by law. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087 apply to the sales tax imposed pursuant to this section.
  - 12. Any sales tax imposed pursuant to this section shall not extend past the initial term approved by the voters unless an extension of the sales tax is submitted to and approved by the qualified voters in each county in the manner provided in this section. Each extension of the sales tax shall be for a period not to exceed twenty years. The ballot of submission for the extension shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall the ............. (name of district) extend the sales tax of one-fourth of one percent for a period of ................ (insert number of years) years to fund the acquisition, construction, maintenance, operation, improvement, and promotion of an exhibition center and recreational facilities?

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If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO". If a majority of the votes cast favor the extension, then the sales tax shall remain in effect at the rate and for the time period approved by the voters. If a sales tax extension is not approved, the district may submit another sales tax proposal as authorized in this section, but the district shall not submit such a proposal to the voters sooner than twelve months from the date of the last extension submitted. sales tax authorized by this section is abolished or terminated by any means, all funds remaining in the trust fund shall be used solely for the purposes approved in the ballot question authorizing the sales tax. The sales tax shall not be abolished or terminated while the district has any financing or other obligations outstanding; provided that any new financing, debt, or other obligation or any restructuring or refinancing of an existing debt or obligation incurred more than ten years after voter approval of the sales tax provided in this section or more than ten years after any voter-approved extension thereof shall not cause the extension of the sales tax provided in this section or cause the final maturity of any financing or other obligations outstanding to be extended. Any funds in the trust fund which are not needed for current expenditures may be invested by the district in the securities described in subdivisions (1) to [(12)] (11) of subsection 1 of section 30.270 or repurchase agreements secured by such securities. If the district abolishes the sales tax, the district shall notify the director of revenue of the action at least ninety days before the effective date of the repeal, and the director of revenue may order retention in the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two percent of the amount collected after receipt of such notice to cover possible refunds or overpayment of the sales tax and to redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such accounts. After one year has elapsed after the effective date of abolition of the sales tax in the district, the director of revenue shall remit the balance in the account to the district and close the account of the district. The director of revenue shall notify the district of each instance of any amount refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the district.

14. In the event that the district is dissolved or terminated by any means, the governing bodies of the counties in the district shall appoint a person to act as trustee for the district so dissolved or terminated. Before beginning the discharge of duties, the trustee shall take and subscribe an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of the office, and shall give bond with sufficient security, approved by the governing bodies of the counties, to the use of the dissolved or terminated district, for the faithful discharge of duties. The trustee shall have and exercise all powers necessary to liquidate the district, and upon satisfaction of all remaining obligations of the district, shall pay over to the county treasurer of each county in the district and take receipt

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for all remaining moneys in amounts based on the ratio the levy of each county bears to the total levy for the district in the previous three years or since the establishment of the district, whichever time period is shorter. Upon payment to the county treasurers, the trustee shall deliver to the clerk of the governing body of any county in the district all books, papers, records, and deeds belonging to the dissolved district.

249.1150. 1. There is hereby created within any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than thirty-four thousand but less than thirty-four thousand one hundred inhabitants, any county of the second classification without a 4 township form of government and with more than fifty-four thousand two hundred but less than fifty-four thousand three hundred inhabitants, any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than thirteen thousand seventy-five but less than 7 thirteen thousand one hundred seventy-five inhabitants, any county of the first classification with more than two hundred forty thousand three hundred but less than two hundred forty thousand 8 9 four hundred inhabitants, any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than nine thousand four hundred fifty but less than nine thousand five 11 hundred fifty inhabitants, any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than twenty-eight thousand six hundred but less than twenty-eight 12 13 thousand seven hundred inhabitants, any county of the first classification with more than 14 thirty-nine thousand seven hundred but less than thirty-nine thousand eight hundred inhabitants, 15 any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than 16 thirty-one thousand but less than thirty-one thousand one hundred inhabitants, and any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than seventeen 17 18 thousand nine hundred but less than eighteen thousand inhabitants, the "Upper White River 19 Basin Watershed Improvement District". The watershed improvement district is authorized to 20 own, install, operate, and maintain decentralized or individual on-site wastewater treatment 21 plants. The watershed improvement district created under this section shall be a body corporate 22 and a political subdivision of the state of Missouri, shall be capable of suing and being sued in 23 contract in its corporate name, and shall be capable of holding such real and personal property 24 necessary for corporate purposes. The district shall implement procedures to regulate the area 25 within the district and to educate property owners within the district about the requirements 26 imposed by the district.

2. Any county included in the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district, as established in subsection 1 of this section, may choose to opt out of the district in one of two ways:

30	(1) Upon the filing of a petition signed by at least twenty percent of the property owners
31	residing within the county, a proposal is submitted to the qualified voters within the district
32	boundaries. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following form:
33	Shall the county of opt out of the Upper White River Basin Watershed
34	Improvement District?
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37	If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed
38	to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO". If a simple majority of the votes cast in
39	the county favors the proposal to opt out of district, then the county shall no longer be included
40	in the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district, and shall cease all imposition,
41	collection, and assessment of any taxes associated with that district, beginning on the first day
42	of the first month following the election. If a simple majority of the votes cast in the county
43	opposes the proposal to opt out of the district, then the county shall remain a part of the Upper
44	White River Basin watershed improvement district. However, if a proposal to opt out of the
45	district is not approved, the governing body of the county shall not resubmit a proposal to the
46	voters under this section sooner than twelve months from the date of the last proposal submitted
47	under this section; or
48	(2) Upon the issuance of an order by the county commission, a proposal is submitted to
49	the qualified voters within the district boundaries to opt out of the Upper White River Basin
50	watershed improvement district. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following
51	form:
52	Shall the county of opt out of the Upper White River Basin Watershed
53	Improvement District?
54	$\square$ YES $\square$ NO
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56	If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed
57	to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO". If a simple majority of the votes cast in
58	the county favors the proposal to opt out of the Upper White River Basin watershed
59	improvement district, then the county shall no longer be included in the Upper White River
60	Basin watershed improvement district, and shall cease all imposition, collection, and assessment
61	of any taxes associated with that district, beginning on the first day of the first month following
62	the election. If a simple majority of the votes cast in the county opposes the proposal to opt out
63	of the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district, then the county shall remain
64	a part of the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district. However, if a proposal
65	to opt out of the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district is not approved, the

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governing body of the county shall not resubmit a proposal to the voters under this section sooner 66 than twelve months from the date of the last proposal submitted under this section. 67

- 3. Any county who has successfully chosen to opt out of the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district under the provisions of subsection 2 of this section shall be allowed to rejoin the district at any time, provided the county submits the proposal to rejoin the district in one of two ways:
- (1) Upon the filing of a petition signed by at least twenty percent of the property owners residing within the county, a proposal is submitted to the qualified voters within the county. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall the county of ...... rejoin the Upper White River Basin Watershed Improvement District?

77  $\square$  YES  $\square$  NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO". If a simple majority of the votes cast in the county favors the proposal to rejoin the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district, then the county shall rejoin the district. If a simple majority of the votes cast in the county opposes the proposal to rejoin the district, then the county shall remain outside the Upper 84 White River Basin watershed improvement district. However, if a proposal to rejoin the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district is not approved, the governing body of the county shall not resubmit a proposal to the voters under this section sooner than twelve months from the date of the last proposal submitted under this section; or

(2) Upon the issuance of an order by the county commission, a proposal is submitted to the qualified voters within the district boundaries to rejoin the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following form:

92 Shall the county of ...... rejoin the Upper White River Basin Watershed Improvement 93 District?

94  $\square$  YES  $\square$  NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO". If a simple majority of the votes cast in the county favors the proposal to rejoin the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district, then the county shall rejoin the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district. If a simple majority of the votes cast in the county opposes the proposal to rejoin the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district, then the county shall remain outside

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- 4. The watershed improvement district created under this section shall have the power to borrow money and incur indebtedness and evidence the same by certificates, notes, or debentures, to issue bonds and use any one or more lawful funding methods the district may obtain for its purposes at such rates of interest as the district may determine. Any bonds, notes, and other obligations issued or delivered by the district may be secured by mortgage, pledge, or deed of trust of any or all of the property within the district. Every issue of such bonds, notes, or other obligations shall be payable out of property and revenues of the district and may be further secured by other property within the district, which may be pledged, assigned, mortgaged, or a security interest granted for such payment, without preference or priority of the first bonds issued, subject to any agreement with the holders of any other bonds pledging any specified property or revenues. Such bonds, notes, or other obligations shall be authorized by resolution of the district board, and shall bear such date or dates, and shall mature at such time or times, but not in excess of thirty years, as the resolution shall specify. Such bonds, notes, or other obligations shall be in such denomination, bear interest at such rate or rates, be in such form, either coupon or registered, be issued as current interest bonds, compound interest bonds, variable rate bonds, convertible bonds, or zero coupon bonds, be issued in such manner, be payable in such place or places, and be subject to redemption as such resolution may provide, notwithstanding section 108.170. The bonds, notes, or other obligations may be sold at either public or private sale, at such interest rates, and at such price or prices as the district shall determine.
- 5. The county commission of any county located within the watershed improvement district may authorize individual properties to be served by the district by adoption of a resolution or upon the filing of a petition signed by at least twenty percent of the property owners of the proposed area. The resolution or petition shall describe generally the size and location of the proposed area.
- 6. In the event that any property within the watershed improvement district proposed under this section lies within or is serviced by any existing sewer district formed under this chapter, chapter 204, or chapter 250, the property shall not become part of the watershed improvement district formed under this section unless the existing sewer district agrees to refrain from providing service or to discontinue service to the property. No property shall become part of the watershed district until the owner of that property has paid in full all outstanding costs owed to an existing sewer district formed under this chapter, chapter 204, or chapter 250.

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138 7. Upon the creation of the watershed improvement district as authorized by this section, 139 a board of trustees for the district consisting of nine members shall be appointed. The governing 140 body of each county shall appoint one member to serve on the board. No trustee shall reside in the same county as another trustee. Of the initial trustees appointed, five shall serve terms of one 142 year, and four shall serve terms of two years, as determined by lot. After the initial appointments 143 of the trustees, the successor trustees shall reside in the same county as the prior trustee and be 144 elected by the resident property owners of their county within the district. Each trustee may be elected to no more than five consecutive two-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled by the board. 146 Each trustee shall serve until a successor is elected and sworn. The trustees shall not receive 147 compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses. 148 The board shall elect a chair and other officers necessary for its membership. The board shall 149 enter into contracts with any person or entity for the maintenance, administrative, or support 150 work required to administer the district. The board may charge reasonable fees and submit proposals to levy and impose property taxes to fund the operation of the district to the qualified 152 voters in the district, but such proposals shall not become effective unless a majority of the 153 qualified voters in the district voting on the proposals approve the proposed levy and rate of tax. 154 The board may adopt resolutions necessary to the operation of the district.

- 8. No service shall be initiated to any property lying within the watershed improvement district created under this section unless the property owner elects to have the service provided by the district.
- 9. Any on-site wastewater treatment system installed on any property that participates in the watershed improvement district formed under this section shall meet all applicable standards for such on-site wastewater treatment systems under sections 701.025 to 701.059 and as required by rules or regulations promulgated by the board of trustees and the appropriate state agencies.
- 10. Property owners participating in the watershed improvement district formed under this section shall be required as a condition of continued participation to have a maintenance plan approved by the watershed improvement district for the on-site wastewater treatment systems on their properties. Such property owners shall also execute a utilities easement to allow the district access to the system for maintenance purposes and inspections. The property owner shall provide satisfactory proof that periodic maintenance is performed on the sewage system. At a minimum the system shall be installed and maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendations. The level of satisfactory proof required and the frequency of periodic proof shall be determined by the board of trustees.
- 11. A district established under this section may, at a general or primary election, submit to the qualified voters within the district boundaries a real property tax that shall not exceed five

cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation to fund the operation of the district. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall the ........ (name of district) impose a real property tax within the district at a rate of not more than ........ (insert amount) dollars per hundred dollars of assessed valuation to fund the operation of the district?

 $\square$  YES  $\square$  NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO". If a majority of the votes cast in each county that is part of the district favor the proposal, then the real property tax shall become effective in the district on the first day of the year following the year of the election. If a majority of the votes cast in each county that is a part of the district oppose the proposal, then that county shall not impose the real property tax authorized in this section until after the county governing body has submitted another such real property tax proposal and the proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon. However, if a real property tax proposal is not approved, the governing body of the county shall not resubmit a proposal to the voters under this section sooner than twelve months from the date of the last proposal submitted under this section.

- 12. The real property tax authorized by this section is in addition to all other real property taxes allowed by law.
- 13. Once the real property tax authorized by this section is abolished or terminated by any means, all funds remaining in the trust fund shall be used solely for the purposes approved in the ballot question authorizing the tax. The tax shall not be abolished or terminated while the district has any financing or other obligations outstanding. Any funds in the trust fund which are not needed for current expenditures may be invested by the district in the securities described in subdivisions (1) to [(12)] (11) of subsection 1 of section 30.270 or repurchase agreements secured by such securities.
- 14. The governing body of any county included in the Upper White River Basin watershed improvement district established in this section may designate groundwater depletion areas within specific areas of the county and may require well volume monitoring. However, any county included in this district may choose not to require well volume monitoring.

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